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REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/23, 24, 25, 26, 27; 2/1, 6, 7, 8, 12; 3/22; 23/51	REPORT MADE BY JOHN T. BURN JTD:glb
TITLE BERNETTE ALLEN KITTS, was. FUGITIVE, IO #2394 etal; Laurens State B. Laurens, Iowa, 11/3/50		CHARACTER OF CASE BANK ROBBERY-MURGLARY; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY ESCAPE AND RESCUE	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 4/6/51</p> <p>State-wide police broadcast effected with Milwaukee PD on 1/24/51 regarding subject, his [redacted] and BENNIE BARONE in 1950 88 Oldsmobile Car. State-wide police broadcast was effected with Milwaukee PD on 2/7/51. Besides regular mailing lists, airports, taverns, night clubs, liquor stores, taxicab companies, motels, railway and bus terminals in principal cities in Wisconsin were circularized regarding subject KITTS. Information that female companion of subject due to arrive in Milwaukee on 2/6 from Winona, Minn. proved negative. All stops and police radio broadcasts canceled. I-2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Milwaukee, Wisconsin</u></p> <p>On January 24, 1951 all commercial airlines in the city of Milwaukee and at the Milwaukee County Airport at Billy Mitchell Field were contacted and stops placed against the subject, [redacted] and BENNIE BARONE. On the same day stops were placed at the commercial bus depots in the city of Milwaukee.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 928 SEP 7 1962</p> <p>On January 24, 1951 the Milwaukee Police Department effected a state-wide police broadcast regarding the subject, [redacted] BENNIE BARONE, and a 1950 88 Oldsmobile automobile that the subject was reported to have been driving</p>			
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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	SOURCE WHEN MADE 4/14/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24/51-4/7/51	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD A. DONAHOE dm
TITLE CHANGED: KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, was.; YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY. was.; PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE BANK ROBBERY - BURGLARY INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY ESCAPE AND RESCUE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] was.; BENNIE BARONE, was., [redacted] Bernard Barone, Robert Barrett - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM GLENN SLANKARD, wa., Ralph Grayson; Laurens State Bank, Laurens, Iowa, 11-8-50.			b6 b7C INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE HARBORING
<p>Subjects KENNETH ALLEN KITTS and YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY found guilty by Petit Jury, USDC, Mason City, Iowa, 3-22-51, on all three counts of indictment charging Count I, entering Laurens State Bank with felonious intent; Count II, taking and carrying away bank funds; Count III, interstate transportation of stolen travelers cheques. KITTS sentenced 3-22-51 by USDJ to 20 years custody AG on Count I; 10 years on Count II, to run concurrently; 10 years on Count III, to run consecutively; actual sentence 30 years. Also on 3-22-51, in open court, KITTS entered plea of guilty to USA's information charging escape from Linn County Jail, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1-22-51; KITTS sentenced same date by USDJ to 5 years custody AG to run concurrently with sentence in Count I of indictment. Execution of sentence stayed to 3-29-51 to determine whether AG would defer to State of Nebraska in having KITTS first serve 12-year sentence imposed under Nebraska Habitual Criminal Statute. On 3-28-51, KITTS delivered by USM, Sioux City, Iowa, to NSP, Lincoln, Nebraska, to serve 12-year State sentence. Detainer filed at NSP by USM, Omaha, 4-10-51.</p>			
DISPOSITION SHEET DETACHED AND HANDLED SEPARATELY.			
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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D):

(YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY sentenced 3-22-51 by USDJ, Mason City, Iowa, to 20 years custody AG on Count I of indictment; 10 years on Count II; and 10 years on Count III, to run concurrently with Count I; actual sentence, 20 years.

(PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO sentenced 3-30-51 by USDJ at Sioux City, Iowa, to 10 years custody AG on each of four counts of information, all sentences to run concurrently. Information in two counts charged bank burglary and in two counts charged violation ITSP Statute.

([redacted] sentenced 3-30-51 by USDJ, Sioux City, Iowa, to five years custody AG on USA's information, charging receiving stolen bank funds.

[redacted] and [redacted] presently at liberty on bond at Tyler, Texas pending presentment FGJ, SDNY, for violation ITSP.

BENNIE BARONE was charged in authorized complaint filed 1-23-51 before USC, Omaha, with receiving stolen bank funds; BARONE surrendered to USC, Omaha, 1-24-51 by his attorney and released on \$5,000 bond. Hearing held 2-21, 23-51 and BARONE ordered held for FGJ; bond continued at \$5,000. Instant complaint based on signed statements furnished by [redacted] and BELCASTRO. BARONE received silver stolen from Laurens State Bank and converted same into currency for HARDY [redacted] and BELCASTRO.

[redacted] was arraigned before USC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2-15-51, waived FGJ presentment, and bond set at \$5,000, in lieu of which remanded to custody USM and confined Linn County Jail, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D):

EARL BAILEY's actions and negligence in connection with escape of KITTS from Linn County Jail was presented USA, Sioux City, Iowa, who declined prosecution.

WILLIAM GLENN SLANKARD entered plea of not guilty to harboring KITTS in USDC, Springfield, Illinois, 3-6-51. SLANKARD in custody USM, Springfield, pending further prosecutive action.

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Disposition sheets and parole reports submitted herewith for KITTS, HARDY, BELCASTRO, and [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: The title has been changed as follows:

Subjects [REDACTED] and DEAN ROBERT ROWLEY were deleted from the title inasmuch as each was sentenced in U. S. District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, 12-29-50, to four years in the custody of the Attorney General. [REDACTED] was deleted from the title inasmuch as the complaint against him was dismissed by the U. S. Commissioner, Omaha, 2-12-51. The title is changed to reflect the following aliases of BENNIE BARONE: JOE MANZIO, BENNIE BROWN, BERNARD BARONE, ROBERT BARRETT, and to reflect the alias RALPH GRAYSON for WILLIAM GLENN SLANKARD.

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A jury trial was held in U. S. District Court, Mason City, Iowa, from March 15 to March 22, 1951 as to subjects KENNETH ALLEN KITTS and YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY. KITTS was represented by his attorneys, HUGH, BERNARD, and JOSEPH BOYLE, Omaha, Nebraska; HARDY was represented by LARRY MASON, Mason City, Iowa, a court-appointed attorney; and the Government was represented by U. S. Attorney TOBIAS E. DIAMOND, Sioux City, Iowa. During the trial, subjects PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO and [REDACTED] testified as Government witnesses against KITTS and HARDY.

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On March 22, 1951, a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury against subjects KITTS and HARDY as to all three counts of the indictment which had charged them in Count I with entering the Laurens, Iowa State Bank with a felonious intent; Count II, the taking and carrying away of money in the custody, care, and control of said bank; and Count III, the interstate transportation of travelers cheques stolen during instant burglary. On the same day, U. S. District Judge HENRY N. GRAVEN sentenced KENNETH ALLEN KITTS to twenty years in custody of the Attorney General on Count I; ten

MILDRED WRIGHT HARDY

[redacted] of subject YANCEY DOUGLAS HARDY, is presently at liberty on bond at [redacted] pending presentment to the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York.

[redacted] is also on liberty on bond at [redacted] pending a presentment of charges to the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been charged with passing travelers cheques stolen from the Laurens State Bank in violation of the ITSP Statute.

BENNIE BARONE

An authorized complaint was filed January 23, 1951 by Special Agent EDWARD A. DONAHOE before U. S. Commissioner M. O. CUNNINGHAM, Omaha, Nebraska, charging BARONE with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2113C, in that he received silver taken as loot in the burglary of the Laurens State Bank, and converted it into currency, knowing same to have been stolen.

Investigative efforts to locate BARONE in Omaha at his residence, 1314 South 24th Street, following the issuance of this complaint, were negative; however, BARONE was surrendered to U. S. Commissioner M. O. CUNNINGHAM at Omaha on January 24, 1951, by his attorney, WARREN G. SCHREMPF, and released on \$5,000 bond. At a hearing held February 21, and February 23, 1951, BARONE was ordered held for the Federal Grand Jury and bond was continued in the amount of \$5,000.

Instant complaint is based upon the following signed statements furnished by subjects BELCASTRO and [redacted]

"Sioux City, Ia.
January 17, 1951

"I, Pasquale Joseph Belcastro, make the following voluntary statement to Elmer L. Jacobsen who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement full well knowing that I do not have to make it & that it may be used against me in a court of law. No promises, threats, or any other inducements have been made to me for this statement. I know that I am entitled to the services of an attorney.

(Statement of BELCASTRO - Cont'd.)

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"I am 32 years old having been born 3/22/18 at Omaha, Nebr. to Mr. & Mrs. Peter (Carmela) Belcastro. My wife, [redacted] & 2 children presently reside at [redacted]
[redacted]

"I have known Bennie Barone since I was a boy. He presently operates the Last Chance Tavern, 3760 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia. On the morning of November 3, 1950, I was with [redacted] Kenneth Allen Kitts & Yancy Douglas Hardy in the Turin Inn, Sioux City, Ia. In the rear office of this place, which office I believe is at the southeast corner of the building, the 4 of us had counted & divided money obtained in the burglary of the only Laurens, Ia. bank. The division of loot gave Kitts, Hardy, & me about \$1200 each in silver, & Prochelo about \$800. Before we had arrived at the Turin Inn, Kitts, Hardy & I had divided the currency secured in this burglary.

"After the silver division, Kitts stated that he would get rid of the silver for all of us but that it would cost quite a bit. When the rest of us thought it unreasonable to give up any substantial part of the silver for exchange for currency, Kitts told us to get rid of our own. At this [redacted] called Bennie Barone by phone at the Last Chance in Council Bluffs, Ia. & apparently made arrangements for Bennie to cash out Hardy's, [redacted] & my silver. [redacted] came from the phone to advise me to take the 3 shares of silver, amounting to \$3100 to Barone's residence in Omaha, Nebr. I wasn't certain this was true so I too contacted Barone for his word that he would take the silver. I did this by phone from the Turin Inn right after [redacted]

"Hardy & I then drove Kitts to his Omaha residence; & Hardy & I went to see Bennie Barone at his residence, 1314 S. 24th St., Omaha. Hardy & I carried the 3 shares of silver into Barone's house in the 3 white canvas bags which we had originally taken from the Laurens bank. They had contained pennies at the Laurens bank & bore black ink printing.

"Bennie was home alone, his [redacted] with whom he resides having left the house. Bennie stated he had just got home from the Last Chance. Before bringing the silver money into the house, Hardy & I went in to make sure that Bennie was alone.

"Bennie asked no questions about our source of the money but stated that he could not give any currency for it until that afternoon. Inasmuch as Hardy wanted to take a train or plane for home that

(Statement of BELCASTRO - Cont'd.)

morning, I gave him between \$1100 & \$1200 for his share. That afternoon Bennie gave me \$1500 in old unwrapped currency, about \$1000 of which was in \$20 bills & the balance in \$10 & \$5 bills. I received this \$1500 at Bennie's house, I believe. At the same time Bennie told me that I could pick up the rest of it on the following Monday, 11/6/50; however, I think I was out of town that day & therefore picked the balance up from Bennie on about Tuesday, 11/7/50, downtown Omaha. I think Bennie gave me the balance outside of the Rocket Recreation Parlor, 16th & Farnam; I know that he gave me only \$1500 which gave someone \$100 for handling the silver exchange for me. Later the same day I gave Bennie \$300 which he has not repaid. I do not know who profited through this exchange. All of the second \$1500 was in \$20 bills & \$1000 of same was inside a regular bank band of brown paper. I noted no bank name thereon. The other \$500 was loose; all was used currency. Bennie made no statement to me as to where, or how, he disposed of the \$3100 in silver money.

"About a week later [] registered at the Paxton Hotel, Omaha, Nebr., for a suite of rooms, #314 or #414, I believe. He kept this suite about a week during which time Bennie Barone & I were there with [] at the same time on several occasions. On each of these occasions [] & I indicated that we felt Kitts had stolen part of the Laurens bank loot from Hardy & me. One of these times I brought a Sioux City, Ia. newspaper to the room, which paper carried an article about the Laurens burglary. We discussed the burglary that time.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this & (4) four other ink written pages and find it to be true. I am completely willing to testify in any court of law to these facts at any time. I have initialed each page, correction, and addition. No threats, promises, or any other inducements have been made to me for this statement.

/s/ Pasquale Joseph Belcastro

"Witnesses:

[] Sp. Agt. FBI, Omaha
Elmer L. Jacobsen, SA, FBI, Omaha, Nebr."

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"Sioux City, Ia.
January 24, 1951

"I, Pasquale Joseph Belcastro, make the following statement to Special Agents Hayne A. Thompson and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats nor promises have been made to me in making this statement and it is my free act. I know this statement can be used in court against me and that I have a right to have a lawyer.

"I am 32 years of age and was born at Omaha, Nebr. March 22, 1918.

"During the early morning of November 3, 1950, I, Kenneth Kitts, and Doug Hardy burglarized the Laurens, Iowa, bank. The three of us drove to Sioux City, Iowa and while in Sioux City I talked to Bennie Barone at Omaha and told him I had a lot of silver with me and wanted to know if he could change it to currency. He said 'Bring it down, I'll take care of it.'

"I arrived in Omaha during the forenoon of November 3, 1951, and Doug Hardy and I drove to Kenneth Kitts home, let him out, then drove to Barone's home at 1314 So. 24th St., Omaha.

"Doug Hardy and I walked into Barone's home, found him alone, then Hardy and I returned to the car and carried the silver, we had obtained as our share from the bank, and carried it into Barone's home where all three of us counted it. The amount was \$3100.00.

"Barone stated there was nothing he could do right away but could probably get the currency by afternoon.

"We left Barone home and I took Doug Hardy to the airport or railroad station. I forget which.

"Shortly after noon Nov. 3, 1950 I drove into [redacted] oil station at 24th & Pierce St. Omaha. to have my car washed, while I was standing around, Barone drove in, driving his Oldsmobile.

"I and Ben Barone went inside the oil station and Barone gave me \$1500.00 in currency, stating 'Here is your money.' The currency was old bills and mostly in twenty denomination. Barone further stated, 'You will get the other \$1500.00 tomorrow or Monday, don't worry, it is as good as gold.'

(Statement of BELCASTRO - Cont'd.)

"On Monday, November 6, 1950, I drove my car to Pestello oil station, left it there for service and hitched a ride down town and went to Al Rotelo Drug Store. While I was there Barone walked in, and started talking to [redacted] myself and a waitress. Barone pulled out a bundle of money and told [redacted] I had made a bet on [redacted] for Sheriff. Barone said I had bet \$2000.00, then took the money and ruffled it at his ear and said, 'Whoops - one short.' Barone and I then got into Barone's care and Barone gave me \$1500 in currency and we drove to Pistello's oil station. This was in used currency and all twenties.

"On the way to the oil station Barone asked me to loan him \$200; that he had asked Kitts for the same loan but Kitts said he had paid out quite a bit and didn't have it.

"After Barone and I reached Pistello's oil station, [redacted] arrived. Barone asked me for the \$1500.00 as he wanted to have some fun with [redacted] who was campaigning for Collins, for Sheriff.

"Barone took the \$1500, ruffled it past his ear and said, 'Whoops - one short.' Barone told [redacted] that I had bet \$2000.00 on [redacted] for Sheriff and received 4 or 5 to 1 odds. Barone told [redacted] was a cinch to win. [redacted] left the oil station and shortly after [redacted] called and wanted to know what Barone and I were doing. We both talked to [redacted] and told him we were kidding [redacted].

"Right after the above phone call, [redacted] telephoned Barone at this oil station and I heard Barone say, 'Wait, he is right here now and I'll ask him. I just got \$200 from him but I'll ask him for \$100.00 for you.' Barone turned and asked me if I could let him have another \$100.00 for [redacted] I told him I would.

"I gave Barone \$300.00. I hardly had it counted when [redacted] drove into the oil station in his Cadillac.

"Barone said to [redacted] did you think he was going to get away.'

"Barone and [redacted] stood by the door and I saw Barone give [redacted] some of the money I had given Barone. I don't know the amount. As [redacted] went out the door he said, I'm going right down and make a payment on my car as I am 4 or 5 days late. My brother was supposed to have given me the money but he didn't show up.'

(Statement of BELCASTRO - Cont'd.)

"I read this statement out loud consisting of this and (5) five other pages and find them to be true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Pasquale Joseph Belcastro

"Witnesses

[redacted] Sp. Agt., FBI, Omaha
Hayne A. Thompson, Sp. Agt., FBI, Omaha"

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"Sioux City, Ia.
January 17, 1951

"I, [redacted], better known as [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to Elmer L. Jacobsen who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises, threats or any other inducements have been made to me for this statement. I know that I do not have to make it & that it may be used in a court of law. I also know that I am free to secure the services of an attorney.

"I am [redacted]
Ia. to [redacted] I presently
reside at [redacted] with [redacted]
[redacted] & one son.

"I have known Bennie Barone for about 2 years. He is part owner & operator of the Last Chance Tavern, 3760 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia., telephone #9840.

"On the morning of November 3, 1950, I met, through telephonic pre-arrangement, Kenneth Allen Kitts, Yancy Douglas Hardy & Pasquale Joseph Belcastro at my Turin Inn, Sioux City, Ia. This was about 4:30 or 5:00 A. & they had arrived there first in the 1950 two-tone grey Nash which I knew to be the property of Belcastro & his [redacted]. This was a four door Ambassador the upper half of which was gunmetal grey to brown & the lower half very light grey. It regularly carries Nebraska license plates but on this occasion it bore some foreign plates which I do not recall. The Nash was parked near the southeast corner of the Turin Inn. I took Kitts, Hardy, & Belcastro into the Inn with me through the door on the south side of the building at the east end.

(Statement of [redacted] - Cont'd.)

This door leads into the Inn's private office & I held it open while the other 3 men carried in about 3 white cloth bags & a bushel basket, all containing silver money some of which was wrapped.

"Using the Turin Inn adding machine in the rear office while the other 3 piled up the money on the floor in the rear office, I ran a total of about \$4400. Of this I was given as my cut \$800 in silver. Kitts asked me to take all of the silver in exchange for currency. I refused, but said that I thought maybe Bennie Barone would make the exchange. To make sure on this I called Barone at the Last Chance, Council Bluffs, Ia. & asked him if he would handle about \$4500 worth of silver money to exchange it for currency. He stated that he would. Thereafter I asked Belcastro to take my silver money too & to pay me at that time \$750 in currency. Belcastro did do me this favor.

"During the last week or two of October, 1950, Kitts, Belcastro & I in the presence of Barone discussed the possibilities in connection with the anticipated burglary of the only bank at Laurens, Ia. I know we were at Omaha, Nebr. in a hotel or in a car when this discussion occurred. In the aforementioned telephone conversation with Barone about the \$4500 silver money, enough was said by the two of us to have him convey to me the understanding that he knew the silver was from the previously discussed Laurens Bank burglary.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this & 3 other pages & find it to be true. I have initialed each page, correction, & addition.

"I am willing to testify to the above facts in a court of law.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses:

Hayne A. Thompson, Sp. Agt., FBI, Omaha, Neb.
Elmer L. Jacobsen, SA, FBI, Omaha, Nebr. "

"Sioux City, Iowa
January 24, 1951

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to Special Agents Hayne A. Thompson and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats nor promises have been made to me in making this statement and it is my free act. I know this statement can be used in court against me and that I have a right to have a lawyer.

"I am [redacted]

"At about midnight January 17-18, 1951, Ben Barone came to the Turin Inn at Sioux City, Iowa, and I had a conversation with him.

"Ben Barone stated that he was worried about the fact he had changed the silver taken from the Laurens Bank into currency and that he was surprised that it had not come out yet. Barone stated that this fact might have been overlooked or forgotten.

"I have read the above statement out loud & it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed

[redacted] Sp. Agt., FBI, Omaha
Hayne A. Thompson, Sp. Agt., FBI, Omaha"

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Confidential Source Omaha T-1, of known reliability, advised Special Agent [redacted] that his records reflect that on November 3, 1950 at 6:50 AM, a call was placed from Sioux City, Iowa, #5-6610, listed to the Turin Inn Night Club, to Council Bluffs, Iowa, #9840, the number of the Last Chance Tavern, owned and operated by BENNIE BARONE. The records for this call can be secured by subpoena duces tecum issued to [redacted]
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The following is the identification record of BENNIE BARONE as it appears under FBI #500634:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	Joe Manzio #--	10-25-30	vio. NPA	4-4-32, chg. dism.
PD, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #15856	10-29-31	reckless driving	12-2-31 30 das. Co. Jail
SO, Council Bluffs, Iowa	Bennie Brown #5625	6-13-32	disorderly	\$25 fine suspended
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #1115	6-7-34	Dyer Act	3 yrs. prob.
PD, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #15856	9-12-44	Investigation	
PD, Des Moines, Iowa	Bernard Barone #17167	9-28-46	Ill. Poss. Intox. Liquor	9-30-46 dism.
USM, Omaha, Nebr.	Bennie Barone #5327	1-24-51	rec & poss stolen money stolen from an insured bank	pending

The following physical description of BENNIE BARONE was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	BENNIE BARONE
Age:	38
Height:	5'7½"
Weight:	275-350
Build:	Very fat and heavy
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Co-owner, Last Chance Tavern, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Residence:	1314 South 24th St., Omaha, Nebr.

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DALLAS OFFICE

One copy of this report is furnished Dallas for their information and in view of the fact that MILDRED WRIGHT HARDY and [REDACTED] are presently at liberty on bond at Tyler, Texas pending further prosecutive action in the Southern District of New York, where they are charged with violation of the ITSP Statute.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

One copy of this report is furnished Kansas City for information in view of the fact that considerable investigation has been conducted in their district concerning subjects in instant case and related cases.

KNOXVILLE OFFICE

One copy of this report is furnished Knoxville for information inasmuch as KENNETH ALLEN KITTS is the subject of an Impersonation case in which Knoxville is office of origin and in which trial has been scheduled for May, 1951.

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

One copy of this report is furnished Minneapolis for their information inasmuch as investigation is presently pending in that Division regarding KITTS, HARDY, and BELCASTRO in connection with investigations involving the burglary of the Garretson and Kaylor, South Dakota State Banks.

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE

At New York City, N. Y.

Will follow and report prosecutive action as to MILDRED WRIGHT HARDY and [REDACTED] In this connection, all travelers cheques forwarded the Omaha Division which were passed by these subjects in New York City were introduced as exhibits in the trial of subjects KITTS and HARDY at Mason City, Iowa on March 22, 1951. These cheques will be forwarded the New York City Office as soon as they are released by the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Iowa.

Will present to the U. S. Attorney violations occurring that District by [REDACTED] and PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO and YANCY DOUGLAS HARDY in transporting and passing travelers cheques stolen

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from instant bank, in violation of the ITSP Statute. It is to be noted that both [] and BELCASTRO testified as Government witnesses in the trial against KITTS and HARDY at Mason City, Iowa, and it is expected they will be used as Government witnesses in the trial against KITTS, HARDY, and [] in connection with burglary of the Springview, Nebraska Bank, September 25, 1950, and robbery of the Garretson, South Dakota State Bank, October 4, 1950.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will present violations of the ITSP Statute to the U. S. Attorney regarding []. It is to be noted that [] testified as a cooperative Government witness against KITTS and HARDY at Mason City, Iowa, on March 22, 1951, and it is anticipated he will be used as a witness in the trial against BENNIE BARONE and possibly in the trial of the burglary of the Springview, Nebraska State Bank, September 25, 1950.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Springfield, Illinois

Will follow and report prosecutive action regarding WILLIAM GLENN SLANKARD.

OMAHA OFFICE

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will follow and report prosecutive action as to subjects BENNIE BARONE and []

Will discuss with the U. S. Attorney for his prosecutive opinion facts concerning the violation of the ITSMV Statute by KITTS, in that he transported a stolen automobile from Granite City, Illinois to Omaha, Nebraska.

At Sioux City, Iowa

Will contact U. S. Attorney TOBIAS E. DIAMOND regarding disposition ordered by Judge HENRY N. GRAVEN of S & W Revolver, property of KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, as well as his burglary tools, all of which were introduced as exhibits in the trial at Mason City, Iowa, March 22, 1951.